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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the final office action dated August 30, 2006. This preliminary amendment is being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 along with a Request for Continued Examination. A petition for one-month extension also is enclosed. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of this paper, which is set forth as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.